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Adoption of the report

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing held its ninth working session at United Nations Headquarters from 23 to 26 July 2018. The Working Group held ___ meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chair of the Working Group, Martín García Moritán (Argentina), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States Members of the United Nations. Representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is available at http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 23 July, the Working Group elected, by acclamation, Alanoud Qassim M. A. Al-Temimi (Qatar), Lidija Dravec (Slovenia) and Katharina Konzett-Stoffl (Austria) as Vice-Chairs and Lahya Itedhimbwa Shikongo (Namibia) as Rapporteur.

5. The Bureau of the ninth session of the Working Group was composed as follows:

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Chair:
Martín García Moritán (Argentina)

Vice-Chairs:
Alanoud Qassim M. A. Al-Temimi (Qatar)
Lidija Dravec (Slovenia)
Katharina Konzett-Stoffl (Austria)

Rapporteur:
Lahya Itedhimbwa Shikongo (Namibia)

D. Agenda and organization of work

6. At its 1st meeting, the Working Group adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document A/AC.278/2018/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.
4. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.
5. Measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons.
6. Follow-up to resolution 72/144: measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons: best practices, lessons learned, possible content for a multilateral legal instrument and identification of areas and issues where further protection and action are needed.
7. Other matters.
8. Provisional agenda for the tenth working session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.
9. Adoption of the report.

7. At the same meeting, the Working Group approved the proposed organization of work for its ninth working session, as set out in an informal paper, in English only.

E. Participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

8. At its 1st meeting, the Working Group was informed of the participation of eighteen national human rights institutions in the ninth session, in accordance with decision 7/1 on the modalities of participation of national human rights institutions in its work (see A/AC.278/2016/2, para. 10).

F. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

9. At its 1st meeting, the Working Group decided to approve the participation of the following non-governmental organizations to participate in its work:

2 Young 2 Retire — Europe/Cercle des seniors actifs Europe

50plus Hellas

Alzheimer's Association Lebanon

Asociación Costarricense de Alzheimer y Otras Demencias Asociadas/Costa Rican Association of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Associated Dementias

Asociación Red Colombiana de Envejecimiento Activo y Digno

Associação de Aposentados, Pensionistas e Reformados

Association nos années de vie

Caxton Legal Centre

Elders Clubs International Foundation

Empower and Care Organization

Fundació Aroa

Globale Seniorer

HelpAge Cambodia

HelpAge Deutschland

HelpAge DRC

HelpAge International España

Humane Prison Hospice Project

Institute for Development, Research, Advocacy and Applied Care

Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association

Les petits frères des pauvres

Living Well Heritage Foundation

Long Term Care Community Coalition

Mauritius Family Planning Welfare Association

Mission Armenia

National Association of Pensioners

National Nursing Home Social Work Network

Nobo Jatra Foundation

Nsindagiza Organization

Older Women's Network, Europe

Old'Up Association

Organization for the Promotion of Elderly Support in Nigeria

Palliative Care Australia

Pallium India Trust

Public Association "Resource Center for the Elderly"

Regional Public Organization of the Assistance of the Defense of the Rights of the Victims Who Suffered from the Terror Act "Volga-Don"

Royal Society for Senior Citizens

SAWAKA

SOLIMAI

Spanish Confederation of Older People's Organizations (CEOMA)

Universal Peace and Violence Amelioration Centre

10. At the same meeting, in accordance with paragraph (c) (ii) of the decision entitled "Modalities of participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing" (A/AC.278/2011/2, para. 8), the Working Group considered the applications of the non-governmental organizations International Renaissance Foundation and National LGBTI Health Alliance, for which an objection letter from a Member State had been received.

11. Statements were made by the observer for the European Union and representatives of Canada, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

12. The Working Group then approved the participation of the non-governmental organization International Renaissance Foundation in its work, by a recorded vote of 53 to 14 with 30 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay

Against:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Qatar, Russian Federation, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe

Abstaining:

Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Viet Nam, Yemen

13. Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the United States.

14. The Working Group then also approved the participation of the non-governmental organization National LGBTI Health Alliance in its work, by a recorded vote of 56 to 24 with 20 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San

Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe

Abstaining:

Bhutan, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, Uganda, Viet Nam

15. Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representatives of Canada and Australia.

16. The Working Group also invited the Gray Panthers to make a statement, time permitting, in accordance with paragraph 38 (b) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

G. Measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons

[*To be completed*]

H. Follow-up to resolution 72/144: measures to enhance the promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons: best practices, lessons learned, possible content for a multilateral legal instrument and identification of areas and issues where further protection and action are needed

[*To be completed*]

I. Adoption of the report

17. At its 1st meeting, on 23 July, the Working Group was informed that the Chair's summary of the key points of the ninth working session would be finalized at a later stage by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Bureau and would be included in the report.

18. At its ___ meeting, on ___July, the Working Group adopted the draft report on its ninth working session, as contained in document A/AC.278/2018/L.1.

J. Documentation

19. The list of documents before the Working Group at its ninth working session is available at http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml.